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FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY ANKARA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT BY POUCH

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, LE

SUBJECT:OPIUM CULTIVATION IN BEKAA VALLEY LEBANON

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REF: CAIRO 6738 AND PREVIOUS

1. APPRECIATE ANA DIRECTOR FARAG'S OFFER HAVE ONE  
OF ANA'S INFORMANTS TAKE DEA AGENT SEE OPIUM PLANTINGS  
IN BEKAA VALLEY, LEBANON; HOWEVER, SECURITY SITUATION  
STILL EXISTING LEBANON RULES OUT THIS COURSE OF ACTION  
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AT THIS TIME.

2. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS EMBASSY CAIRO, AT ITS DISCRETION,  
EXPLORE POSSIBILITY WITH GENERAL FARAG OF FURNISHING  
INFORMATION LOCATION (MAP COORDINATES IF POSSIBLE) GROW-  
ING AREA TO HIS SYRIAN OPPOSITE NUMBER (AND ALSO DEPARTMENT).  
HOPEFULLY SYRIANS WOULD UTILIZE PRESENCE THEIR TROOPS

IN BEKAA VALLEY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT POPPY CROP, IN  
CONSULTATION WITH LEBANESE AUTHORITIES WHEN, AND IF, ANA  
PASSES INFORMATION TO SYRIANS, NCO DAMASCUS SHOULD  
DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH SYRIANS SOUNDING OUT THEIR WILLINGNESS  
TAKE ACTION IN THIS MATTER, IN CONSULTATION WITH  
LEBANESE. DEPARTMENT AWARE (DAMASCUS 1145) SYRIAN  
RELUCTANCE TAKE ACTION IN BEKAA VALLEY WHICH MIGHT  
LEAD TO CONFRONTATION WITH LEBANESE. HOWEVER BELIEVE  
IT WORTH WHILE SOUND THEM OUT AGAIN ON PROSPECTS SYRIAN  
ACTION.

3. DEPARTMENT PRESENTLY RELUCTANT USE USG AS CONDUIT  
PASS INFORMATION FROM EGYPTIANS TO SYRIANS AND LEBANESE  
AS WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE STRENGTHENING OF CONTACTS  
AMONG AREA'S ANTI-NARCOTICS FORCES. IN CASE GENERAL  
FARAG UNWILLING PASS INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO SYRIANS BUT  
WILLING PASS IT TO CAIRO NCO, DEPARTMENT WILL ASK DAMASCUS  
NCO TO PASS INFORMATION TO SYRIAN AUTHORITIES.

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NOTE BY OC/T: POUCHED BEIRUT.

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